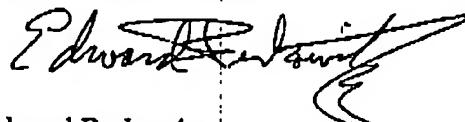


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REMARKS

These claim amendments are presented to correct obvious errors. Claim 4 should depend from claim 3. Claim 5 is an inadvertent repetition of claim 4. Claim 6 is clarified by appending "inner" and "outer" to the respective surface(s) of the flow cell and connector. These changes are offered to improve the clarity of the affected claim.

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